



# News Release

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## Hogs & Pigs Inventory

**Iowa:** On March 1, 2010 there were 18.9 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The March 1 inventory was down 3 percent from a year ago and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009.

The December 2009-February 2010 pig crop was 4.63 million head. A total of 475,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.75 pigs per litter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 480,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2010 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2010 period were estimated at 480,000 as of March 1, 2010.

**United States:** U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010 was 64.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.76 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2009-February 2010 pig crop, at 27.9 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 4 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the December 2009-February 2010 period, compared to 9.48 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March-May 2010 quarter, down 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009 and down 5 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for June-August 2010, at 2.89 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 45 percent last year.

**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory  
By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2009-2010 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IL	480	480	100	3,820	3,920	103	4,300	4,400	102
<b>IA</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>18,460</b>	<b>17,890</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>18,900</b>	<b>97</b>
MN	580	550	95	6,820	6,650	98	7,400	7,200	97
MO	365	355	97	2,585	2,645	102	2,950	3,000	102
NE	385	365	95	2,815	2,635	94	3,200	3,000	94
NC	980	880	90	8,420	8,220	98	9,400	9,100	97
US	5,992	5,760	96	59,828	58,228	97	65,819	63,988	97

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding.

**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,  
Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2009-2010 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
IL	1,350	1,240	1,100	1,200	770	790	600	690
<b>IA</b>	<b>4,840</b>	<b>4,550</b>	<b>5,560</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>4,690</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>3,360</b>
MN	2,460	2,320	1,930	2,010	1,390	1,330	1,040	990
MO	1,135	1,180	585	590	465	465	400	410
NE	960	900	820	800	610	560	425	375
NC	3,080	3,070	2,160	1,900	1,710	1,750	1,470	1,500
US	19,809	19,017	16,426	15,993	12,732	12,477	10,862	10,742

<sup>1</sup> Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.